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H. R. 758

[Report No. 111-640]

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of pediatric research consortia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2009

Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Mr. KING of New York, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. KIRK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mrs. SCHMIDT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Additional sponsors: Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. SCHAUER, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. DRIEHAUS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOLT, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. BOCCIERI, Mr. SPACE, Mr. LATOURETTE, Ms. KILROY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. GRIFFITH, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, Mr. COHEN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. REICHERT

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pediatric Research
 5 Consortia Establishment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA.**

7 Subpart 7 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
 8 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285g et seq.) is amended by adding
 9 at the end the following:

10 **“SEC. 452H. NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONSORTIA.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National In-
 12 stitutes of Health, acting through the Director of the Na-
 13 tional Institute of Child Health and Human Development
 14 and in collaboration with all other Institutes of the Na-
 15 tional Institutes of Health that support pediatric research,
 16 shall award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements
 17 to public or nonprofit private entities to pay all or part
 18 of the cost of planning, establishing, and providing basic
 19 operating support for up to 20 national pediatric research
 20 consortia.

21 “(b) RESEARCH.—Each consortium established
 22 under subsection (a) shall supplement, but not replace, the
 23 establishment of a comprehensive pediatric research port-
 24 folio. Such consortium shall conduct basic, clinical, behav-
 25 ioral, social, and translational research, as well as training

1 and demonstration of advanced diagnostic and treatment
2 methods relating to pediatrics.

3 “(c) COORDINATION OF CONSORTIA REPORTS.—The
4 Director of NIH shall—

5 “(1) as appropriate, provide for the coordina-
6 tion of information among consortia under sub-
7 section (a) and ensure regular communication be-
8 tween such consortia; and

9 “(2) require the periodic preparation of reports
10 on the activities of the consortia and the submission
11 of the reports to the Director.

12 “(d) ORGANIZATION OF CONSORTIUM.—Each Consor-
13 tium established under subsection (a) shall be formed from
14 a collaboration of cooperating institutions with a lead in-
15 stitution, meeting such requirements as may be prescribed
16 by the Director of NIH, including participation in a net-
17 work of such consortium.

18 “(e) LIMITATION.—Payments under subsection (a)
19 shall not exceed \$2,500,000 per year for each consortium
20 in the first 5 year cycle.

21 “(f) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support for a Consor-
22 tium established under subsection (a) may be provided
23 under this section for a period of 5 years and may be ex-
24 tended for additional periods of 5 years each, with en-
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1 erations by an appropriate scientific review group estab-
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 20 *20 national pediatric research consortia. The Director of*
 21 *NIH shall take unmet research needs into account when*
 22 *making awards under this section.*

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 24 *tion shall supplement, but not replace, research that is oth-*
 25 *erwise conducted or supported as part of the comprehensive*

1 *pediatric research portfolio of entities receiving awards*
2 *under subsection (a). Consortia established under subsection*
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4 *ioral, social, or translational research to meet unmet re-*
5 *search needs, as well as training in and demonstration of*
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